

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2115 without my signature.

While I support the author's well-placed intentions to coordinate career technical education (CTE) efforts and funding streams in order to enhance the effectiveness of these vital programs, this bill creates another bureaucratic council that will not directly advance career tech programs for our students.

Last year, I signed a package of bills that expanded and improved CTE curriculum in our public schools, aligned curriculum for seamless advanced work in our community colleges, and improved the quality and availability of information for students and parents to make informed choices for their future. This year, the *2006 Budget Act* provides an additional \$100 million for CTE program expansions in the schools and community colleges and one-time funds to purchase state-of-the-art equipment. Further, my infrastructure bond proposal, before the voters in November, includes \$500 million for CTE facilities modernization.

The creation of another advisory council is unnecessary for continuing this historic reinvigoration of career technical education in the schools.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger